#### WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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To: Wyoming and National Hunting, Fishing, Shooting, Wildlife and Outdoor Organizations; Representatives of the Sporting Goods Industry; State and Federal Natural Resources and Land Management Agencies; Agricultural & Landowner Groups; Disabled Citizens; Oil, Gas, Mining, and Forest Products Industry; Wyoming Game & Fish Department

From: The PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD for the first annual "Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Exposition"

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is very proud to announce the first annual "Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Exposition" to be held September 11-13, 1998 at the Casper Events Center and nearby shooting and fishing facilities. The event will showcase and celebrate our common outdoor heritage. You are cordially invited to be a presenter and be a part of the Expo. We would like to know how your organization would like to be involved. Please help us in our planning efforts by filling-out and returning this questionnaire in the pre-addressed envelope provided by December 19, or fax your survey form to Dave Lockman/Judi Lemons at 307-777-4610, or phone in your response to Dave or Judi at 307-777-4543.

- •The Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. has "teamed-up" with representatives of the hunting and fishing community to plan this spectacular event which will offer opportunities for children, adults, disabled citizens, and families to participate in wildlife-related outdoor activities and learn skills that can be enjoyed for life.
- •The Expo will feature many exhibits, seminars, clinics, workshops, and demonstrations on such topics as fishing, camping, hunting, game calling, horse packing and back country horse care, bird dog training, map & compass, outdoor survival, shooting and safety in air gun, rifle, shotgun, archery and muzzle loader, wildlife watching and study, outdoor photography, contributions to wildlife and habitat, habitat projects, wildlife management, wildscaping, and much more!
- •Acknowledge and demonstrate the many important contributions made by the landowners, business and industry of the State to its wildlife.
- •The indoor and outdoor activities will be designed for the whole family to enjoy and take part in. Fun and educational activities are planned for the beginner, intermediate, and experienced outdoorsman, angler, hunter, and wildlife watcher.
- •Give the citizens the opportunity to learn good land, water, wildlife, stewardship and management practices, and also stress concepts of ethics, safety, "fair chase," and wild & free-ranging wildlife.

The Expo will emphasize learning and participation in wildlife and fishing related outdoor recreational activities; therefore, commercial sales or raffles will be limited. We will allow demonstrations and informational handouts by merchants and membership solicitations by organizations. All presenters and exhibitors will be required to keep education on hunting, fishing, other related outdoor skills, ethics, and wildlife stewardship as the thrust of their involvement. There will be an exhibit fee of \$200.00 with exceptions made for sponsorship donations and "in kind" services. We anticipate there could be some repetition in what groups would like to demonstrate, instruct, or exhibit. We would have to make some decisions in those cases and get back to you and work something out. It is our desire to involve every organization and agency that wants to be involved in some way. We will be communicating with you in the coming months to re-confirm your involvement and provide you the details of arrangements, locations, and schedules. Please alert your community, friends, and organization memberships about the Expo. Don't forget to respond and send in the attached questionnaire by December 19, 1997.

#### WYOMING HUNTING AND FISHING HERITAGE EXPOSITION

Preliminary Organization and Agency Participation Interest Survey

Name of Organization:	
Contact Person Name:	
Address:	
City/Zip:	
Day Phone: Nig	ht Phone:
Fax: E-M	Mail:
How would your organization like to be	involved in the Expo?
Be a sponsor? $(Y/N)$	
Loan or provide equipment and/or supplies? $(Y/N)$	
What kind/s of equipment or supplies?	
Provide volunteer instructors for speci	fic outdoor skills? (Y/N)
Instructor name & phone number	Skills Areas
1	1
2	2
3	3
Would your organization like to be a contributing sponsor? If so, please	
provide the name and address of a contact person	
Would your organization set-up and present an exhibit? (Y/N)	
Describe the subject of the proposed exhibit, presentation methods, and space	
required:	
Would your organization conduct a:	
Skill Seminar (Y/N) Clinic or Workshop (Y/N) Demonstration (Y/N)	
Other program kind (Describe)	
Would this activity be held indoors outdoors both	
Describe the subject and method/s of pr	esentation for one or more education
programs your organization could present	
Comments:	

<sup>•</sup>AS PLANNING PROGRESSES AND WE BEGIN TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, YOUR DESIGNATED CONTACT WILL BE HEARING FROM US TO CONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT AND ROLE IN THE CONDUCT OF THE EXPOSITION.

<sup>•</sup>HANDS-ON EXHIBITS AND ACTIVITIES ARE PREFERRED. PLEASE USE ATTACHMENTS IF EXTRA SPACE IS NEEDED.

#### WYOMING HUNTING AND FISHING HERITAGE EXPOSITION

#### SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1998

#### CASPER EVENTS CENTER, LOCAL SHOOTING RANGES, FISHING PONDS

#### HOSTED BY THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

## SPONSORS AND DONORS WILL INCLUDE ANY ORGANIZATION, AGENCY OR CORPORATION THAT WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A CONTRIBUTOR AND PRODUCER OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT

CONCEPT AND GOALS: Annually, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department will host a gathering of Wyoming Wildlife Enthusiasts to:

- ...Celebrate the heritage and tradition of hunting, fishing, and wildlife/fishery management
- ...Celebrate the role of the hunter and angler in wildlife conservation
- ...Foster the practice of "Fair Chase," ethics, landowner respect, and mastery of skills and proficiency in wildlife-related recreation pursuits
- ...Acknowledge the contributions of volunteers, landowners, and supporters of wildlife
- ...Involve organizations, corporations, landowners, and agencies as exposition planners, sponsors, producers, and participants
- ...Provide wildlife enthusiasts of all ages opportunities to learn skills and improve their proficiency and ethics in hunting, shooting, fishing, wildlife watching, outdoor living, and stewardship
- ...Enhance and build partnerships between the Department, landowners, hunters and anglers, agencies, organizations, and communities for the purpose of providing opportunities to families and youth to learn and participate in wildlife-related outdoor activities
- ...Provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to get involved in wildlife and fish management as project volunteers or as volunteer instructors and mentors
- ...Demonstrate and provide information on continuing education opportunities and services available through the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for hunter/angler/wildlife watcher recruitment, participation, and stewardship
- ...Showcase the wildlife stewardship, management, and education efforts of the Department, hunters and anglers, wildlife/fish and agricultural organizations, landowners, industry, communities, land management agencies, and others

For More Information Contact: Exposition Coordinator, Dave Lockman, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, 5400 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82006, phone: 307-777-4543, fax: 307-777-4610, E-Mail: dlockm@missc.state.wy.us

#### **FIRST ANNUAL**

# WYOMING HUNTING & FISHING HERITAGE EXPOSITION SEPTEMBER 11 - 13, 1998

At the Casper Events Center and local fishing ponds and shooting ranges

**HOSTED BY: Wyoming Game and Fish** 

SPONSORED BY: many wildlife, fishing and shooting organizations

### HANDS-ON LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Clinics, seminars, demonstrations, and exhibits for beginning and advanced hunters, trappers, anglers, and wildlife watchers

- \* Shooting
- \* Archery
- \* Fishing & Canoeing
- \* Wildlife Photography
- \* Wildlife Watching
- \* Outdoor Survival

- \* Wildlife Management
- \* Landowner Respect
- \* Sportsman Ethics
- \* Big Game Hunting
- \* Game Calling
- \* Map and Compass

and much, much morel

**EXHIBITS AND MOST ACTIVITIES FREE!**•WATCH FOR MORE INFO IN THE MONTHS AHEAD•